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### HOTEL, HOTEL, HOTEL!

No matter who builds it; no matter where it is erected; no matter the style and scope of it; Astoria must have a new and up-to-date hotel! No one in the city denies the urgent need of a fine house here; that is beyond dispute. Foreign capital, home capital, any old capital, no matter what nor whose capital, so long as it is built! It must be done, sooner or later; and better late, than never. It is the next good thing to come, whatever the source, and the man or men who have the nerve and the stuff to accomplish it, will reap the benefit. The city is actually craving a real hotel. It would be of immense service to the city and the city would contribute to the house and its business, and the whole scheme would be a distinct credit to the City-by-the-Sea, whereas, its continued absence is a constant and inexcusable reproach. Get in and do something for the most needed accessory to the communal life of Astoria!

### BECOMING AN OLD STORY.

Poor old Russia is completely submerged in the elements of riot, and sedition, loss, and suffering, and the myriad ills of intestine war-fare, with never a word of cheer or hopefulness! Why does not the Czar do something to relieve the situation? Once in a while he says something that indicates that he is still alive, but he never does anything that means business. If he would but summon the spirit of the race he stands for and thrust himself to the fore-front, for good or evil, the world would cotton to him and give him the glad hand, and rank him among the men of the age. But his negative, sullen, spiritless, cowardly inaction is becoming the by-word of all the peoples and he is regarded the world over as a cipher. He might die the idol of the Russians if he would shake off the lethargy that is upon him, soar to the head of the government and take command of his superb heritage, free his people and put them on the plane of happiness. Such things have been done, and the world is ready for the next glorious exhibition and quietly hoping it may come from down-trodden Russia.

### MUNICIPAL HOUSE-CLEANING.

"When, in the course of human events," a city like Astoria has accumulated a surfeit of questionable characters in its purlieu and it is necessary, for the moral health of the community, to abate the congestion, the Louisiana method of marking and herding the worst and shipping them out in a bunch at the expense of the people, is a system that commends itself by reason of its thoroughness and finality. It is certainly more conclusive than the resort to police court penalties that are invariably laid out in jail at a far greater expense than the cost of transportation would be, and the rigor and exaction of the "exporting" style, is a lesson not soon forgotten by even the toughest of criminals. They rarely ever come back, and they pass the word of warning all along the line of their professional acquaintance. It might be tried here and now with very complete and satisfactory results if it be done smartly and thoroughly, with no partiality shown to pets of either sex. Think it over, gentlemen, of the police commission!

In washing an ordinary dress so that it will retain its stiffness and looks as good as new, use pure white soap and warm water. If the material is colored soak first in salt and water. Do not rub the material, as it causes the delicate threads to separate. Rinse very thoroughly and starch with clear, raw starch.

### TRADES-UNIONISM.

What is the purpose of trades-unionism in the Northwest, anyway? Is it so eager for advantages that it will tear down the growing prosperity of the land and the day? Does it not know its own limitations? Does it want to build up a counter-organization among men it is impoverishing all over the country? Are there no leaders to counsel moderation and exact less extravagant operations on the part of the unions? The cases in point, just now, are the sailors and the shingle-workers, both of whose strikes are unjust and untimely. The further prosecution of these strikes on mere ground of greed will set up a reaction against the federated trades that will cripple them sadly for the good they may do in the future, when the efficacy of their power for the accomplishment of real service will be practically destroyed. It is one thing to strike against rank injustice and indiscriminate denial of what is due the worker, and quite another to attempt the destruction of flourishing trades when they are paying good standard wages, on reasonable scales, just for the sake of attaining to a wage that is not earned. Have a care, gentlemen!

### EDITORIAL SALAD.

About now physicians are beginning to treat "electric fan colds." For already the few days of intense heat made it needful to start the little fans whirling, and woe unto those who sat in the immediate draught thereof. While the fan is one of the few things that make life bearable in hot weather, it is, according to physicians, a much-abused convenience. Placed where it will stir up the air in the room without blowing directly upon you, it is a good thing. But stood on a shelf where it blows directly down on head or neck, or where it fans violently on throat or chest, it is a bad thing, and one of the most potent causes of hot weather colds, bronchial and catarrhal troubles.

John H. Doris, who owns a large farm in Saline county, Ill., will not allow a bird of any kind to be killed on his land. He has set aside a number of acres to grow up in underbrush, in which all kinds of birds, especially quail, will find a home through the winter, and in the summer the place is alive with birds. Mr. Doris claims that hawks do very little damage in comparison with the good they do in killing field mice and rats. There are hundreds of quail on his farm and they have become so tame that they come to his door yard for feed. So carefully does he watch these birds that he can tell where nearly every bird nests in the brooding season.

Ibsen is said never to have written anything unless he had a tray of little toys on the desk before him. Among these toys were a wooden bear, a wooden figure of Memphisto-plehes, two cats, one playing a fiddle, and some cotton flannel rabbits. We do not note any mention of bologna sausage snakes or bad dreams in canned goods.

There is a probability that the \$5 greenbacks will soon be reinforced by goldbacks of the same denomination. When these are supplemented by clean backs for all paper currency there will be caused for general congratulation.

A waiter in New York has received a legacy of \$200,000 and has given up his job and gone to Austria to claim it. The man evidently prefers ease to wealth. If he had continued as a waiter he might have become a millionaire.

Now that a London doctor has diagnosed the chauffeur's desire for inordinate speed as a disease, allied to the inebriate's thirst, we can understand why the court always imposes the gold cure.

The kaiser's vigorous declaration that he is determined to maintain peace convinces one that he will keep his word even if he has to wage war to do it.

It was Emerson who assured us that to be great was to be misunderstood. It is suggested that Mr. Roosevelt has this consolation.

### A LESSON IN TRANSLATION.

Mrs. Smith, a teacher in one of the schools in the city, gave Johnnie Wilson three words to look up at home in the dictionary. They were as follows: "Transparent, transcontinental and transatlantic."

He was lazy, so he said to his father: "Sa, pa, what does transcontinental mean?"

"It means to cross the continent, but don't ask me anything more."

"But, pa, what does transatlantic mean?"

"It means to cross the Atlantic; but didn't I tell you to keep still?"

"Say, pa, does transparent mean a cross parent?"

### Modern Therapeutics.

I went to a modern doctor to learn what it was wrong. I'd lately been off my fodder, and life was no more a song. He felt of my pulse as they all do; he gazed at my outstretched tongue; He took off my coat and waist and harked at each wheezing lung. He fed me a small glass penstank with figures upon the side, And this was his final verdict when all of my marks he'd spied:

"Do you eat fried eggs? Then quit it. You don't? Then hurry and eat 'em Along with some hay that was cut in May. There are no other foods to beat 'em. Do you walk? Then stop instant. For exercise will not do. For people with whom it doesn't agree, And this is the rule for you: Just quit whatever you do do. And begin whatever you don't. For what you don't do may agree with you. As whatever you do do don't."

Yea; thus saith the modern doctor: "Tradition be double durned! What the oldsters knew was nothing compared to the things we've learned. There's nothing in this or that thing that's certain in every case. Any more than a single bonnet's becoming to every face. It's all in the diagnosis that tells us the patient's fix— The modern who knows his business is up to a host of tricks."

"Do you eat roast pork? Then stop it. You don't? Then get after it quickly. For the long eared ass gives the laugh to grass. And delights in the weed that's prickly. Do you sleep with the windows open? Then batten them good and tight. And swallow the same old feed air. Through all the snore-some night. Just quit whatever you do do. And do whatever you don't. For whatever you don't do may agree with you. As whatever you do do don't."

—Strickland W. Gillian in Judge.



Miss Hippo—Mr. Monk is a multimillionaire and the catch of the season. Why did you jilt him? Miss Giraffe—He seemed lacking in affection. He never even put his arm around my neck and kissed me.—Harper's Bazar.

### In Reply to Same.

"Ah, Mr. Whitely, did you wish to see me about anything?" asked the president of the company as he ceased for a moment to dictate to his beautiful stenographer.

"Ye-es, sir," replied the clerk who, having for ten years been one of the firm's most faithful employees, had invented a pleasant little excuse for seeking a raise. "I-I have just received an offer from our rival firm across the street of \$10 a week more than I am getting here, and I thought I would ask you if—"

"I congratulate you, sir; I congratulate you. Do you wish to go now or is it your desire to remain here until the end of the week? Mr. Brown, the secretary, will attend to the matter of making out your voucher. Good morning. Ah, yes—we are in receipt of your esteemed favor of even date and in reply to same would say."—Chicago Record-Herald.

### Unfavorable.

"Good weather for crops, eh?" chirped the traveler, one of your superficial optimists. The farmer shook his head sadly. "On the contrary," he replied, for he was an educated farmer. "No?" "As a matter of fact, the crops are suffering." "On account of the weather?" "On account of the weather." "Bright sunshine, following copious showers. Do crops suffer in such weather?" "Naturally crops are bound to suffer in any weather which makes fish bite. If these conditions continue, we shan't raise much this year." And the farmer shook his head again and sighed heavily.—Puck.

### Rough on the Count.

Lord Freelunch—Ah, count, did you make a favorable impression on the father of the heiress? Count Broken—Favorable? Why, when I told him I was looking for his daughter's hand he said he thought I was looking for a handout.—Chicago News.

### A Vernal Impulse.

"This is the time of year," said the suburban citizen, "when I like to get out and dig up the ground." "So do I," answered Mr. Fozzling. "That's the reason I am trying to play golf."—Washington Star.

### An Opinion.

"Why do you suppose she ever married him?" "Oh," replied the woman who hated her. "I suppose it was merely a case of pursuing the line of least resistance."—Horton Post.

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